U S Mint New Orleans
June 14th 1839.

To

Thomas Slidell Esqr U. S. Dist. Atty.

Sir,

In the investigation of the difficulty respecting the deposite of Damian Casas, I have to state that on the Melter and Refiner's representing to me that it was unnecessarily expensive and troublesome to melt each small deposite separately I went into the weigh room between the 14th and 16th of April last, and directed the Clerk, Mr. Dimitry, agreeably to the proposition of Mr. Maxwell the Melter and Refiner, to retain the small deposites till they should amount to a full melt, say, two thousand dollars; which order or direction he observed and complied with up to the deposite made by Damian Casas, which having been melted, the Melter and Refiner came to me and remonstrated that my direction or order had not been complied with and followed, when I immediately went into the weigh-room and reiterated the direction I had before given respecting the small deposites, at which time I am almost positive the Melter and Refiner either showed me the bullion of the deposite of Damian Casas or some other small deposite as illustrative of the preposterous ~~system~~ as they called it system of melting small deposites of similar Coins separately.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Hum. Sert
David Bradford
Supt.